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HIS

MAJESTIES RESOLUTION

CONCERNING

The Establishment of Religion and Church-government.

WHEREIN,

He is graciously pleased to give His Loyall Subjects satisfaction concerning His constancie to the Protestant Faith, who have bin formerly jealous of His Majesties Intention to alter the practice of Religion in this KINGDOME.

Whereunto is annexed,

The Declaration of both Houses of Parliament, May the 12. 1642.

Ordered by the Lords and Commons assembled on Parliament, that this Declaration bee forthwith published in Print.

John Brown Cler Parliament.

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The Declaration of both Houses of Parliament.

THe Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament do declare, That they are resolv'd to maintain those Lords and Gentlemen, Committees of both Houses of Parliament residing at York, in those things they have done, and shall further do in obedience of their Commands for the preserving the peace of the Kingdom.

The Lords and Commons do Declare, That if any person whatsoever shall Arrest, or Imprison the persons of those Lords and Gentlemen, or any of them, or any other member of either House, that are, or shall be employed in the service of both Houses of Parliament; or shall offer violence to them, or any of them, for doing of any thing in pursuance of their Commands, or the Instructions of both Houses, given unto them, shall be held Disturbers of the proceedings of Parliament, and publique enemies of the State, And that all persons are bound by their Protection, to endeavour to bring them to condign punishment.

The Lords and Commons do declare, That those of the City of London and all other persons that have obeyed the Ordinance for the *Militia*; and done any thing in execution thereof, Have done it according to the Law of the Land, and in pursuance of what they were commanded by both Houses of Parliament, and for the defence and safety of the King and Kingdom, And shall have the assistance of both Houses of Parliament, against any that shall presume to question them, for yielding their obedience to the said command in this necessary and important service; And that whosoever shall obey the said Ordinance for the time to come, shall receive the same approbation and assistance from both Houses of Parliament.

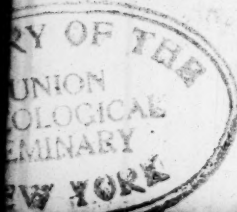
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HIS
MAJESTIES
RESOLUTION,

*Concerning the Laws of this Realm, and the
Protestant Profession.*

THe humble Desires of the Subject have bin very graciously entertained and welcommed, and the Petitioners themselves have departed satisfied and contented.

But as yet the sick Church hath not bin purged from her malignant distempers, neither hath she as yet taken an

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Antidote to preserve her from the Venome and poysou of *Romes* malice.

These manifold Petitions, with the earnest supplications of his Majesties most loyall Subjects, did cause a deep impression in his Royal consideration, and also His Majesty having rightly & consideratly weighed the disquiet of His Subjects, occasioned by so weighty a cause, knowing that *Salus populi* is *Suprema Lex*, the safety and welfare of the Subject is and ought to be the Princes greatest care, hath bin graciously pleased to Declare himself, and publish his intention concerning the Government of the Church.

His Majesty hath formerly for the satisfaction of the subject, Declared himself to be a true maintainer of the true and ancient Protestant Religion, and hath deuyed all cohereuce with the Church of Rome.

And hee hath also now of late, to give a full and pleuery satisfaction unto all, resolved upon a general Reformation. And to this purpose hath consented, that the main matters
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of difference which have occasioned all these distractions, shall be framed, and diseussed by a number of grave, wise, and Religious Divines, which shall be thought fit by the House of Parliament, every County electing two for this so great and weighty a businesse, that so all things being according to Gods true word, scand and examined, by the iudicious and religious Judgments of those worthy persons, the truth may appear, light and instructions may be given unto Authority, and by their power and uniformity of Government and worship, agreeable to Gods Word, may be stilled in the Church.

And his Majesty did further declare, that it was always his care and desire, that all offensive and unnecessary adjuncts whatsoever might be removed and taken away, that so the tender Conscience might not apprehend any cause to slight and neglect the observation of Religious duties

The enimyes against this Kingdom, occasioned by the discontented spirits of the Catholique faction, have at last akened

wakened his confident thoughts, and he now most seasonably conceives the hazard which was like by that means to seize the security of the Kingdom.

Wherefore the better to effect and perfect his so well begun *Resolution*, hath given strict and severe apprehension of all Catholiques, for their disarming, and unlesse they will take the *Oath of Supremacie* for their imprisonment.

Neither do his waking and vigilant cares rest here, but out of his tender respect and affection to his Subjects, will with all speed prevent the growth of the insuing dangers, which must succeed the increase of Papists in this Kingdom.

Wherupon, being moved with the Consideration of those insuing Evils, he hath taken Order for the expulsion of all Priests, and Jesuits whatsoever from out of His Majesties Dominions, and if any shall be taken whose contumacious spirit shall dare to oppose, and contempt this His Majesties most Royall
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Authority; That when His Majesty will leave them to the Justice of the Law, and will deny unto them the expression of any favour, but what the Law in Justice and Equity shall think their contumacious offence may deserve.

They shall not now as in former times rely and depend upon His Majesties Clemency, and so take advantage of His Majesties mournfull disposition, to bail and maintain their Hereticall and unjustifiable courses.

He now perceives that his indulgency, their Errours, and his tenderesse of their lives and persons, unwilling to merit the Name of a severe Prince, hath very much encouraged them, whereby they have taken more then civill Liberty to seduce his loving people, and subvert both the Laws and Liberty of this Kingdome.

Wherefore he is now resolved, that Justice shall take its free and uncontradicted course against them, and that all favour and clemency shall be as free
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from them, as their practises are from
Justice and Conscience.

Through one little hole have crept
in many most dangerous and desperate
Evils, to the subverting of the generall
peace, and disquieting of many weak
and meanly instructed Consciences.

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